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THE INTERNET: Promote the Positive

No other technology in history has provided us with so much information so easily. Where else would you get the latest news from CNN, visit a "virtual" museum or communicate with a friend in another country.

By the end of 1998 all of South Carolina's public libraries and their branches, some 180 in number, were connected to the Internet. **DISCUS** - South Carolina's Virtual Library is accessed through the Internet providing useful information and reference resources that would not otherwise be available in most libraries.

The Internet is a rich and educational resource for information, ideas and entertainment. But the Internet has also raised concerns about issues such as privacy, copyright laws and particularly children's access. Public libraries face this concern every day. Librarians are taking their role seriously in assuring that proper use is made of the Internet. Librarians answer questions and guide children to quality Web sites the same way they recommend books and other resources

Our goal as librarians is to help people of all ages make the most of this tool. We should encourage all of our citizens to come to the library and help them use this incredible and valuable technology.

From the Director...James B. Johnson, Jr.

The General Assembly has before it three pieces of legislation which, if enacted, would have a detrimental effect on the free flow of ideas in South Carolina's publicly supported libraries.

S. 1061 and H.R. 4426 would require that all Internet accessible computers in public libraries, public school libraries, and libraries within institutions of higher education be filtered to "eliminate or reduce the ability of the computer to access web sites displaying pornographic pictures or text".

S. 1076 would subject public library employees to felony charges if they provide information deemed obscene to children. Currently, public library employees, as well as employees in school and higher education libraries, churches, museums, schools, clinics, and hospitals are exempt from prosecution if the information provided was done so in the normal course of their duties.



This legislative flurry of activity comes on the heels of press reports of people accessing "pornographic" sites at the Greenville County Library. Children were subjected to these sites since there were no Internet accessible computers in the children's room.

It is most important that legislators hear from all of you on this issue. Public libraries which have enforced their policies report little or no abuse. Patrons who have been caught using terminals for these purposes have been asked to stop or have been removed from the library. Filters do not provide 100% protection. They can lead to a false sense of security.

None of us wants to have public libraries become tax-supported cyber adult bookstores. None of us want to do anything to harm our children. But, we do want the ability to use this new technology responsibly. Statewide mandated legislation is not the answer.

Read-In 2000

Read-In 2000 will be held Thursday, May 11 at the State House in Columbia. The event is a celebration of reading sponsored by the South Carolina State Library. More than 1000 students from schools around the state are expected.

Activities will begin at the State Library with a parade down Senate Street. The program will be presented on the steps and grounds of the State House. Program details will be mailed in late March with registration confirmations.

Read-In 2000 is also the kick-off to the summer reading program, "Celebrate Reading 2000". Participants of Read-In 2000 will receive items related to the summer reading program.

Registrations for Read-In 2000 were mailed in November to all school media specialists. For more information please contact Debbie Anderson at 803-734-8666 or e-mail debbbiea@scsl.state.sc.us

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News from Around the State

Georgetown County

The Georgetown County Library will participate in a project by the Library of Congress to preserve memorabilia from twenty-nine South Carolina events. As part of the Local Legacies exhibit, Georgetown will submit microfilms of deeds, records of slave ownership and turn-of-the-century photographs of local buildings.

Greenwood County

The Ware Shoals Community Library received a \$10,000 grant from the Next Generation of the Self Foundation. The grant will provide seven to eight laptop computers that will be housed in the library. The computers will be used within the library by teachers and students, as well as the community. They will also be available for use in the Distance Learning Lab as needed.

Hampton County

The Hampton County Library of the Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional system held a book discussion on World War II and the Holocaust in January.

Medical University of South Carolina

Anne Kabler Robichaux, Associate Director of Libraries, retired in January from a tenure that spanned thirty-one years, two library buildings, and an era of significant development for academic medical libraries. She began as Head of Technical Services in 1969 and since 1975 has been Associate Director of Libraries.

She was awarded emeritus status by the MUSC Board of Trustees. She received the Honorary Membership Award by the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association. She is a distinguished Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals.

Richland County

C. David Warren, Executive Director of the Richland County Public Library, participated in the Harvard Business School's *Leadership in the 21st Century* program in January.

South Carolina State Library

Lucinda M. Kress has been appointed Director of Public Information for the library. Mrs. Kress's previous experience includes Public Information Officer for the Federal Election Commission in Washington, DC; Library Assistant for the Fairfax and Arlington County Public Library systems in Virginia. Her most recent position was with Richland County Public Library as an Information Services Librarian and Extension Services Librarian. She is a graduate of George Mason University and has a Master's of Library Science from the University of South Carolina.

University of South Carolina

Ruth A. Riley, M.S. has been appointed Director of Library Services at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. Ms. Riley was at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, where she served for five years as Associate Director of the Library and for a time as Acting Director and Acting Head of Library Systems. She is currently chair designate of MLA Books Panel and has previously served on the MLA Governmental Relations Committee.

York County

In January the York County Library welcomed three new staff members. Deana Warren will be the new Bookmobile/Circulation Assistant. She received her B.S. in Early Childhood Education from Appalachian State University. Sarah Delaney will be the Young Adult Librarian. Ms. Delaney received her MLIS from USC. Wendy Wagner will be the Public Relation Officer. She has a B.A. in Communications from Winthrop University.

Berkeley Librarian Honored



Berkeley County Librarian Sharon Fashion was honored as 1999 Berkeley County Employee of the Year. Ms. Fashion, the Youth Services Coordinator, was nominated for the award by both Director Colleen Carney and Deputy Director Judy Schmitt. According to her Director, "Sharon is one of the most conscientious, dedicated professionals I have ever worked with in my 25 years in the library field. This summer has seen one of our most successful summer reading programs ever with over 1,000 children enrolled including 266 teens. Sharon is an exemplary employee, a natural leader and role model for our youth."

When Carney asked her if she would like to apply for the deputy director's slot, Fashion has just one question, "Will that mean I'll have to leave my children?" It did, and she politely turned down the promotion. She is admired by her pint-sized patrons, who often greet her with big hugs. Ever modest, the 25-year county employee gave credit to her co-workers. "I didn't do it by myself," she said. "We work as a team." For her efforts, the county showered her with gifts - a framed resolution, a pendulum clock, movie tickets and \$100.

Fashion didn't want a lot of fuss over her. "I was just doing my job," she said.

South Carolina Library Association Awards

At the 1999 South Carolina Library Association Annual Conference in Hilton Head the following awards were presented:

Friend of the Library was given to Lou and Barbara Roberts for their support of the Friends of the McCormick County Library

New Members Round Table New Professional Award was given to Cathy Moore, a media specialist at Myrtle Beach Intermediate.

Paraprofessional Roundtable Outstanding Paraprofessional Award went to Barbara Gilliard of South Carolina State University.

Trustees Attend Institute

"Leading the Digital Age Library"

On January 14-15 public library trustees from around South Carolina attended the second Public Library Institute in Columbia , a two-day event sponsored by the SC State Library. 156 public library staff and trustees representing 39 out of the 40 county and regional libraries. The main presenter for the conference was Jim Fleck, a nationally-known speaker/facilitator and founder of the Fleck Leadership Center. The sessions covered a wide range of issues from budgeting, to advocacy, to good boardsmanship, to intellectual freedom. Pictured are officers of the Trustees section of the South Carolina Library Association. Left to right, Clyde McCants - Secretary, Kleo Stathakis-Chair, and James Campbell-Vice Chair.



Listed below are a few comments from individual attendees:

- ...Excellent, especially interaction amongst trustees.
- ...I liked having one main presenter for the whole first day very dynamic, well organized presentation. Very useful for trustees.
- ...Very impressed with the thought and planning that made this meeting so enjoyable thank you for all the "sharing"

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Trustee Spotlight

John Baker's involvement with the Richland County Public Library is a family affair. As a dedicated father he accompanied his daughter Gabrielle to Saturday storytimes at the Main library. The Baker and Baker Foundation, started by his father and uncle, were already benefactors of the library. Soon Baker himself wanted to become involved in the library and offered his help. His first opportunity was helping to bring Maurice Sendak's play *Really Rosie* to Columbia in March 1994. In honor of his contribution, Baker was chosen to introduce the play with help from Gabrielle. Thus began his passionate commitment to RCPL. In 1995 he was appointed to serve on the Library Board and in 1998 became its chairman.

His most recent accomplishment for the library was the successful fundraising event co-sponsored by the Friends of the Richland County Library at a dinner honoring Director David Warren's 20th anniversary on September 20, 1999. Through the library's connection with Ingram Books the dinner was able to draw best selling authors Lisa Scottoline, Anne Miller, Juan Willams and Anita Lobel. The event



raised \$25,000 for a book endowment in Mr., Warren's name. Mr. Baker sees fundraising as part of his role as a library supporter and board member. Baker feels it is important for board members to be "pro-active and creative in identifying services from businesses and individuals that will make the library more successful".

Baker's commitment to reading and children also played a part in his spearheading "Step into Reading" launched in October of 1999. The idea attracted South Carolina ETV, which ran a public relations campaign on the air featuring First Lady Rachel Hodges and TV personality Vanna White. Piggly Wiggly, Carolina First Bank and McDonald's became corporate sponsors and served as drop-off locations for new or used picture books. UPS agreed to transport the collected books. DHEC Home Health Services and Families Helping Families selected the recipients. In total around 10,000 book were distributed to South Carolina's children. Though the campaign is over Baker is looking into other ways to continue getting books into the hands of children. Because of this effort he was asked to give presentations at the Governor's Reading Institute and DHEC's early brain development seminar.

In January RCPL was named one of the top public libraries in the country according to **American Libraries**, the official publication of the American Library Association. Baker feels that the honor is a tribute to the staff, the current board, Friends group and county council

He also has several thoughts on the future of libraries, especially RCPL. He sees the need for improved service to patrons in the form of later hours and the opening of branches on Sunday. As a commercial real estate developer he knows the importance of keeping a watch on the growing areas of Richland county in planning the size and location of future branches. He would like to see more services for the aging population including large-print books, programs and computer training classes. All libraries need to keep an eye on the changing technology including the switch from CDs to DVDs and the use of the "smart card" in paying for copying and other library services.

After his term expires, he will continue as a member of the Library Trust helping to identify major donors and benefactors. When not involved in library projects he also serves on the board for the South Carolina Cancer Center, Columbia Jewish Federation and the United Way of the Midlands. He is also the recipient of the first Columbia Real Estate Award presented by The March of Dimes in August 1999. A graduate of The University of South Carolina School of Business he is currently the managing partner of Baker & Baker Real Estate Developers. He is married to the former Marcie Stern and their daughter Gabrielle attends Forest Lake Elementary.

Literary Arts Update

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Writers Reading Program

The South Carolina Arts Commission's Writers Reading Program provides funding for readings by South Carolina writers listed on the Commission's Approved Artist Roster or other recognized authors. All readings are free and open to the public.

Currently the program is providing assistance to a unique cooperative effort between three organizations in the Upstate: Spartanburg's acclaimed Hub City Writers Project, the Friends of the Spartanburg County Library, and the Greenville County Library. These organizations have partnered up to host "Poetry Sandwiched In", a series of lunchtime readings featuring a dozen renowned poets: Claire Bateman, Butler Brewton, Ron Rash and South Carolina Poet Laureate Bennie Lee Sinclair.

Readings take place once a month, with the featured poet appearing at a library in the Greenville system on the scheduled Tuesday and Spartanburg's Main Library on Wednesday. Readings begin at noon. For more information on exact dates and locations, contact the Greenville County Library at (864) 242-5000, The Spartanburg County Library at (864) 596-3507, or visit the Palmetto Book Alliance Literary Events Calendar at http://www.state.sc.us/scsl/lib/pbacal.html.

South Carolina Book Festival

Mark you calendars for the Fourth Annual South Carolina Book Festival & Antiquarian Book Festival scheduled for April 15(10 a.m to 5 p.m) & April 16(1 p.m. to 5 p.m.) at the Carolina Coliseum in Columbia. The celebration is sponsored by the South Carolina Humanities Council and co-sponsored by the South Carolina State Library and the Palmetto Book Alliance.

The events will feature readings, book signings, storytelling, panel discussions and plenty of activities for the kids, including the Reading with Rachel program conducted by South Carolina's First Lady Rachel Hodges.

This year's line-up of writers features best selling authors Gail Godwin (*Father Melancholy, The Good Husband and Evensong*) and Anita Shreve (*The Pilot's Wife*) which was an Oprah Book pick. Others in attendance include novelist Larry Brown, DuBose Heyward biographer James Hutchinson, James Dickey biographer Henry Hart and a Foodways symposium with John Egerton.

Exhibits include loads of booksellers and publishers carrying everything from works by guest authors to hard-to-find antiquarian tomes. As always the festival is free and open to the public.

For local literary events, check out the Palmetto Book Alliance Website: http://www.state.sc.us/scsl/lib/pbacl.html

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Storytelling Around the State



The 5th Annual Patchwork Tales Storytelling Festival will be held May 4 & 5, 2000 in Rock Hill, S.C. The 2000 Patchwork Tales Storytelling Festival will feature one of America's most celebrated storytellers, Donald Davis. Mr. Davis, a retired Methodist minister and former Chairperson of the Board of Directors for the National Storytelling Association, has been a featured teller at the Smithsonian Institution, the World's Fair, and concerts throughout the United States and the world. The **Wilson Library Bulletin** describes Donald as "absolutely hilarious and unpredictable as well as emotionally reviving".

This year's festival will include storytelling concerts for area second graders, storytelling in the elementary schools, a Thursday afternoon

storytelling workshop for adults, and a Friday evening Community Concert.

For further information on the 2000 Patchwork Tales Storytelling Festival or for information on accommodations during the festival, please see the York County Library website: www.yclibrary.org or to receive a free brochure, contact Diane Williams at (803)342-7624 to e-mail dianew@lyon.york.lib.sc.us.

More storytelling.....

Georgetown County May 5-6 Palmetto Storytelling Festival. Contact Sheila Sullivan (843)546-2521 for more information.

Florence County Public Library & Marion County Public Library May 11-12. Storytelling for 3rd graders. Thursday performance at Marion Opera House at 7 p.m. Friday performance at Florence County Library at 7 p.m.

Richland County Public Library May 12-13 A(ugusta) Baker's Dozen. Special guest two- time Newbery medalist Katherine Patterson. The Augusta Baker Lecture with Ms. Patterson will be May 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the USC Law School Auditorium with reception to follow. There will be a production of *The Great Gilly Hopkins* for school groups and playwright David Patterson will speak on Friday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. at RCPL in the Bostick Auditorium.

State Library Provides Help for Child Care Providers

The South Carolina State Library has a long time commitment to making a positive contribution to the lives of young children in South Carolina.

Recognizing that child care providers are also educators of young children, the South Carolina State Library has developed several initiatives to provide resources to child care staff. Many children spend the majority of their day in child care programs, and the quality of learning experiences they encounter plays an important role in their development and school readiness.



In January 2000, the State Library mailed copies of following two recent publications to every child care facility in South Carolina.

The Early Childhood Teacher Resource Collection catalog. This is the latest edition of a listing of videotapes for early childhood educators. In 1980, at the request of former Governor Richard Riley, the State Library began developing a nonprint collection to help provide training to early childhood educators. The State Library has continued to make annual purchases to provide the best videotapes available to help teachers of young children develop skills and learn new ideas and techniques for working with young children. The State Library's collection contains 275 videotapes for child care providers. Child care providers are able to complete part of their annual training requirements through viewing these videotapes. Some of the videotapes are also appropriate for parenting education.

Making Your Childcare Program Come Alive with Creative Learning Activities is a bibliography of the books included in the Early Childhood Resource Collections, which are now available for loan in every public library in South Carolina. These books provide practical information to teachers in child care programs to help them:

- •Learn what makes a high quality program for young children
- •Plan creative learning activities in math, science, language development, music, and art.
- •Teach children how to manage their behavior through positive discipline
- •Deal with problems children face such as death, divorce, or serious illness in the family, moving,
- •Administer programs effectively
- •Communicate with parents

Purchase of these books was made possible by a Library Services and Technology Act grant to the Association of Public Library Administrators of South Carolina.

In addition to these projects, the State Library has targeted young children and their families with:

GROW WITH BOOKS—a grow chart for children from birth to age three with suggestions for how to use books with young children and suggested books for reading to them.

BORN TO READ—a booklist of recommended books for babies and toddlers, which has recently been revised and updated.

THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM offered in public libraries across the state includes a listening program for parents and young children to share books together.

South Carolina's public libraries are important partners in this outreach effort. In addition to placing these books in their collections and promoting their use, they handle interlibrary lending of the videotapes for the teachers from the State Library

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Home Access Increases DISCUS Usage

DISCUS - South Carolina's Virtual Library has become increasingly popular with the South Carolinians. DISCUS usage received a big boost when InfoTrac magazine and reference databases became available from home Internet accounts.

Beginning in September 1999, all DISCUS-participating schools, colleges and public libraries began providing their users with a password and instructions for accessing the seven InfoTrac databases from home. This has enabled a vital library service to continue beyond the library's hours of operation.

The InfoTrac databases were accessed from home over 40,000 times in the first five months of statewide service. Between September 1999 and January 2000, close to 100,000 articles were obtained by home users of the service.

Two GaleNet reference databases DISCovering Authors; Most-Studied Authors and What Do I Read Next?, added to DISCUS in January are also available from DISCUS home accounts.

All DISCUS resources continue to be available to all citizens on-site at South Carolina's schools, colleges and public libraries. These resources include Groiler Online encyclopedias and SIRS topical databases, as well as the InfoTrac and GaleNet databases.

Guided by the DISCUS Technology Assessment Committee, the State Library is developing a strategy for making all DISCUS resources available from home Internet accounts for all South Carolinians. As a pilot program, the State Library recently awarded Federal Library Services and Technology Act grants to ten public library systems. The grants will fund the purchase of software by which these libraries can provide their card holders with access to all of the DISCUS-provided resources, as well as any other subscription database.

Braille Books on the Internet

Distribution of braille books via the Internet is now possible thanks to a new system called Web-Braille. Developed by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Web-Braille makes more than 2,600 grade 2 braille books available for download or online use. (Grade 2 braille contains over 200 contractions and short forms for common words, while grade 1 braille uses one character per each letter of the alphabet.)

Users must provide their own equipment (braille embossers, refreshable braille displays and other braille-aware devices) and must have an e-mail address and access to the Internet to use Web-Braille. Each Web-Braille file represents one braille volume. For online reading, users can access one volume at a time. When downloading a title consisting of multiple volumes, users retrieve and download multiple files. The Web-Braille site is found at www.loc.gov/nls/braille/.

In addition to searching for titles, users are able to browse the online version of "Braille Book Review" (a bimonthly annotated listing of braille magazines and books), locate a title of interest, and select the volume. A user ID and password are required. Those wishing to use Web-Braille must register with the South Carolina State Library, Department for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Call 800-922-7818 or 803-898-5900 or e-mail SCLBPH@infoave.net.

As with all other NLS materials, Web-Braille books are made available only to users with qualifying handicapping conditions. There are also three classes of eligible institutions:

Schools for the blind

- Public or private schools providing braille to blind children
- Nonprofit organizations with a primary purpose of producing braille books for the use of eligible readers, e.g., instructional materials resource centers and nonprofit transcribing agencies.

NLS reports that reactions from patrons using Web-Braille have been extremely positive. In the future, NLS will explore the feasibility of adding braille magazines to Web-Braille. Currently, braille books are being added to the site at the rate of about forty per month. Web-Braille reflects the first initiative by NLS to distribute its collections of books and magazines in digital formats to its patrons.

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Calendar

March 8, 2000

SC Library Legislative Day, Columbia

SC State Library Board Meeting, Columbia

March 16,2000

Freedom of Information Day Notable South Carolina State Documents Presentation SC State Library

March 28 - April 1, 2000

Public Library Association Conference 2000 Charlotte, NC

March 30 - April1, 2000

South Carolina Association of School Librarians Annual Conference, Greenville

April 13, 2000

Branch & Extension Managers Interest Group Meeting, Columbia

April 15 - 16, 2000

SC Book Festival & Antiquarian Book Fair Carolina Coliseum, Columbia

May 11, 2000

Read-In 2000, State House Grounds, Columbia

May 17, 2000

SC State Library Board Meeting, Columbia

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